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For: BRAKE DRUM FOR WET-TYPE BAND BRAKE DRUM AND

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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